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DUXBURY CLIPPER



Memories of Yesterday



It is 1906 in Duxbury, and you are strolling down Washington Street. Among the business establishments you see is the Duxbury Inn, run by Maurice L. Chandler. "Refurnished and operated under new management," says an ad in the Duxbury Directory. "Board by the Day or Week. A share of the Patronage of the Public is respectfully solicited. Livery Stable in Connection. Boarding and Baiting a Specialty. Teams Furnished With or Without a Driver."

You pass "C. H. Josselyn Periodicals and Variety Store. A full line of Stationery, Souvenir China and Post Cards, Sporting Goods and Fishing Tackle, Confectionery, Tonics, Cigars, Tobacco and Smokers' Supplies." Adjoining the main store a hairdresser has a shop. A bit further down Washington Street is the Duxbury Coal & Lumber Co., Cement, Hardware, Paints, Oils, Varnishes and Brushes." The treasurer and manager is Charles P. Gruchy.

Some of the businesses flourishing here in 1906 offered interesting services. W. B. Gardner bought, sold and exchanged "green and acclimated horses," and had constantly on hand "A stock of Team, Road and Trotting Horses." H. L. Morgan gave special attention to "Shoeing Tenderfooted and Interfering Horses." Elisha Peterson was an "Undertaker and Cemetery Superintendent" who sold caskets, robes, flowers, foundations, tablets and monuments." In his ad in the Directory mentioning these things, this line is included: "Light and Heavy Teaming." Elisha was versatile indeed.

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